GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4690
ANSWERED ON:24.08.2000
PRODUCTION OF AMMUNITION FOR HOWITZERS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total production capacity of the Ordnance factories for the basic howitzer ammunition which are used in artillery units;

(b) whether the said capacity is being fully utilised to keep Army units for battle field ready always; and

(c) if so, the reasons to why these ordnance factories are unable in timely supply of shells as ordered by Army Units?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENCE PRODUCTION & SUPPLIES (SHRI HARIN PATHAK)

(a) to (c): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4690 FO 24.8.2000

Ordnance factories are supplying 155mm howitzer ammunition of different types viz HE, M 107, 77B, HEER& Smoke shells as per annual targets given by the Army. A maximum capacity of 1.2 lakh rounds is possible to be achieved by adjustment within various types of ammunition. Ordnance Factories have been able to meet the annual requirements of armed forces including the higher targets given in 1999-2000 during the Kargil operations.